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Three Mile Section of Virginia Creeper Trail Temporarily Closed

Marion, Va – The USDA Forest Service has temporarily closed the Virginia Creeper Trail between Whitetop Station and Green Cove Station due to substantial damage to the trail. Visitors can still ride or walk the Virginia Creeper Trail beginning from Green Cove Station to Damascus, Virginia. There is no timeline for how long the closure will remain in effect.

Recent storm damage has caused a collapsed culvert to give way, creating cracks in the ground that could cause the trail to fail in that location. Damage to the trail represents a significant safety hazard that visitors are not able to bypass. Barricades and warning signs are in place, and no public access will be allowed until the repair is complete. Law Enforcement will monitor for individuals utilizing the closed section of the trail, and fines will be strictly enforced.

The Virginia Creeper Trail extends over 34 miles from the Virginia/North Carolina border to the town of Abingdon, Virginia. Nearly 200,000 visitors enjoy the trail each year. With 46 bridges and trestles, scenic mountain views, trout streams, and open rural countryside, the Virginia Creeper Trail remains one of the most popular recreation destinations in southwest Virginia. For additional information on the Virginia Creeper Trail, contact the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area at (276) 783-5196 or (800) 628-7202.

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